
THE ACTS CHURCH 2:42
"EXPERIENCE REAL CHURCH"

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TEXT: *Psalms 20:1-9 KJV*

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David. The LORD hear thee ***in the day of trouble***; ***the name of the God of Jacob defend thee***; (2) Send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion; (3) Remember all thy offerings, and accept thy burnt sacrifice; Selah. (4) Grant thee according to thine own heart, and fulfil all thy counsel. (5) We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners: the LORD fulfil all thy petitions. (6) Now know I that the LORD saveth his anointed; he will hear him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand. (7) ***Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.*** (8) They are brought down and fallen: but we are risen, and stand upright. (9) Save, LORD: let the king hear us when we call.

INTRO: *Remember The Name Of The LORD Our God*

John 16:31-33 KJV

Jesus answered them, Do ye now believe? (32) Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me. (33) These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. ***In the world ye shall have tribulation***: but be of good cheer; ***I have overcome the world.***

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In The Day Of Trouble

I. *Trust In The Lord*

Proverbs 3:1-10 KJV

My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: (2) For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. (3) Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: (4) So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man. (5) ***Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.*** (6) ***In all thy ways acknowledge HIM, and HE shall direct thy paths.*** (7) Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. (8) It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones. (9) Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: (10) So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

II. *God Is My Refuge*

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Yahweh (Lord, Jehovah)
Adonai (Lord, Master)
El Olam (The Everlasting God)
Elohim (God)
El Shaddai (Lord God Almighty)
El Elyon (The Most High God)
Jehovah Nissi (The Lord My Banner)

Jehovah-Raah (The Lord My Shepherd)
Jehovah Rapha (The Lord That Heals)
Jehovah Shammah (The Lord Is There)
Jehovah Tsidkenu (The Lord Our Righteousness)
Jehovah Mekoddishkem (The Lord Who Sanctifies You)
Jehovah Jireh (The Lord Will Provide)
Jehovah Shalom (The Lord Is Peace)
Jehovah Sabaoth (The Lord of Hosts)

Psalms 20:1-9 AMP

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. MAY ***THE Lord answer you in the day of trouble!*** May **the name of the God of Jacob set you up on high [and defend you]; (2) Send you help from the sanctuary and support, refresh, and strengthen you from Zion**; (3) Remember all your offerings

and accept your burnt sacrifice. Selah [pause, and think of that]! (4) May He grant you according to your heart's desire and fulfill all your plans. (5) We will [shout in] triumph at your salvation and victory, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners. May the Lord fulfill all your petitions. (6) Now I know that the Lord saves His anointed; He will answer him from His holy heaven with the saving strength of His right hand. (7) Some trust in and boast of chariots and some of horses, but we will trust in and boast of the name of the Lord our God. (8) They are bowed down and fallen, but we are risen and stand upright. (9) O Lord, give victory; let the King answer us when we call.

The enemies of David towards the north were especially formidable on account of their ***cavalry*** and their ***chariots***; Syrians of Zobah, and Maachah, and Damascus, and Beth-Rehob.

David on one occasion "took from Hadarezer, King of Zobah, ***one thousand chariots, and seven thousand horsemen and twenty-two thousand footmen"*** 1 Chronicles 18:4

On another he ***"slew of Syrians seven thousand men which fought in chariots and forty thousand footmen"*** 1 Chronicles 19:18 David's own troops appear to have consisted entirely of footmen.

BUT WE WILL REMEMBER THE NAME OF THE LORD OUR GOD

Isaiah 31:1-3 KJV

Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the LORD! (2) Yet he also is wise, and will bring evil, and will not call back his words: but will arise against the house of the evildoers, and against the help of them that work iniquity. (3) Now the Egyptians are men, and not God; and their horses flesh, and not spirit. When the LORD shall stretch out his hand, both he that helpeth shall fall, and he that is holpen shall fall down, and they all shall fail together.

III. HORSES AND CHARIOTS OF FIRE

2 Kings 6:8-23 KJV

Then the king of Syria warred against Israel, and took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such a place shall be my camp. (9) And the man of God sent unto the king of Israel, saying, Beware that thou pass not such a place; for thither the Syrians are come down. (10) And the king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of, and saved himself there, not once nor twice. (11) Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled for this thing; and he called his servants, and said unto them, Will ye not shew me which of us is for the king of Israel? (12) And one of his servants said, None, my lord, O king: but Elisha, the prophet that is in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber. (13) And he said, Go and spy where he is, that I may send and fetch him. And it was told him, saying, Behold, he is in Dothan. (14) ***Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots***, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about. (15) And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, ***behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots***. And his servant said unto him, ***Alas, my master! how shall we do?*** (16) ***And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.*** (17) And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was **full of horses and chariots *OF FIRE*** round about Elisha. (18) And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the LORD, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha. (19) And Elisha said unto them, This is not the way, neither is this the city: follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom ye seek. But he led them to Samaria. (20) And it came to pass, when they were come into Samaria, that Elisha said, LORD, open the eyes of these men, that they may see. And the LORD opened their eyes, and they saw; and, behold, they were in the midst of Samaria. (21) And the king of Israel said unto Elisha, when he saw them, My father, shall I smite them? shall I smite them? (22) And he answered, Thou shalt not smite them: wouldest thou smite those whom thou hast taken captive with thy sword and with thy bow? set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink, and go to their master. (23) And he prepared great provision for them: and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master. So the bands of Syria came no more into the land of Israel.

IV. *Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God*

Habakkuk 3:17-19 AMP

Though the fig tree does not blossom and there is no fruit on the vines, [though] the product of the olive fails and the fields yield no food, though the flock is cut off from the fold and there are no cattle in the stalls, (18) Yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will exult in the [victorious] God of my salvation! [Rom. 8:37.] (19) The Lord God is my Strength, my personal bravery, and my invincible army; He makes my feet like hinds' feet and will make me to walk [not to stand still in terror, but to walk] and make [spiritual] progress upon my high places [of trouble, suffering, or responsibility]! For the Chief Musician; with my stringed instruments.

Matthew 6:25-34 KJV

Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? (26) Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet ***your heavenly Father feedeth them***. Are ye not much better than they? (27) Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? (28) And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: (29) And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. (30) Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, ***O ye of little faith?*** (31) Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (32) (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. (33) ***But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness: and all these things shall be added unto you.*** (34) Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.